AFRL honors contracting excellence

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio —- Air Force Research Laboratory individuals and teams have recently been honored with contracting and support awards at AFRL, AFMC, and Air Force levels.

"Our annual award winners made significant contributions towards transforming our acquisition," said Col. Ryan Andrews, Director of Contracting. "They lead the quest to achieve total acquisition excellence.

Receiving recognition at the Air Force level was Laura Klepper, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., for Outstanding Civilian in Contracting (GS-11 and below) Science and Technology. Klepper, Contract Negotiator, AFRL/MNK was recognized for her support of the 450 person $120 million unit.

Teams and individuals honored at the AFMC level were:

Edwards Air Force Base Science and Technology Contracting for Outstanding Contracting Unit, Science and Technology. Team members include Nick Arabe, Barbara Barcelona, Lesley Ervan, Bob Gare, Capt. James Hackett, Pat Henningham, Lisa Jackson, Sun McGuinness, Liliana Richwine, Sharon Scott, Donna Thomason and Teresa Weber. The team was the Air Force's sole contracting focal point for the national DOD/NASA/Industry $1.8 billion 15-year tri-service program, "Integrated High Payoff Rocket Propulsion Technology"

Lt. Col Robert B. Gillette, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N.M., for Outstanding Officer in Contracting (Field Grade) Science and Technology. Gillette, Deputy Director of Contracting, Det 8 AFRL Center Contracting Staff, was honored for exceptional support of 81 personnel in a contracting program valued at $1.5 billion.

Capt. James R. Hackett, Edwards Air Force Base Science and Technology Contracting, for Outstanding Officer in Contracting (Company Grade) Science and Technology. Hackett, Acquisition Contracting Officer, was successful in leading a $25 million rebaselining to continue research for theoretical and experimental rocket propulsion.

Liliana J. Richwine, Edwards Air Force Base Science and Technology Contracting, Outstanding Civilian in Contracting (GS-12 and above) Science and Technology. Richwine, Supervisory Contract Negotiator, was recognized for her management of ten contracting specialists and overseeing over 105 contracts.

Awards were presented at the AFRL level to the following:

Timothy L. Jones, Wright-Patterson AFB, for Outstanding Business and Contract Clearance. Jones, Procurement Analyst, Det 1 AFRL Wright Site Acquisition Support, was recognized for spearheading several high visibility lab programs, including Target under Trees and the Metals Affordability Initiative Consortia.

Diane M. Kirby, Kirtland AFB, for Outstanding Pricing (Individual). Kirby, Contract Price/Cost Analyst, Det 8 AFRL Kirtland Contract Pricing, was honored for successfully analyzing 30 proposals valued at $139.2 million, and meeting challenging mission requirements.

Noel E. Thompson, Wright-Patterson AFB, for Secretary of the Air Force Professionalism in Contracting (Supervisory). Thompson, Chief, Propulsion Power, Fuels and Lubricants Contracting AFRL Wright Site Propulsion Contracting, was honored for his support as the contracting branch chief and with an annual budget of $200 million.

John S. Stovall, Wright-Patterson AFB, for Secretary of the Air Force Professionalism in Contracting (Nonsupervisory). Stovall, Contract Negotiator, AFRL Wright Site Sensors Contracting, was honored for expertly managing 160 active contracts valued at over $277 million.

Jim P. Powers, Kirtland AFB, for Outstanding Contract Staff (Field). Powers, Procurement

Analyst, Det 8 AFRL Kirtland Contracting Policy, was recognized for providing business advice to multi-functional acquisition teams for contract actions totaling more than $600 million.

Jo-Ann M. Pattullo, Eglin AFB, for Outstanding Contracting Support. Pattullo, Procurement Technician, AFRL Eglin Munitions Contracting, was recognized for support of the 450 person of the $120 million unit, and constructing a 25-page AFRL contracting overview. @